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VIETCONG SPURS EFFORTS ABROAD

South Vietnamese Reds Use Front for Propaganda

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Representatives of the communist insurgents in South Vietnam have intensified their political and propaganda activities in foreign countries, according to qualified sources.

Operating as delegates of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front, the Vietcong envoys have been putting forward Communist complaints against the South Vietnamese Government and its chief supporter, the United States.

The front, organized in December, 1960, in close collaboration with North Vietnamese Communists, is the political arm of the Vietcong. Presumably it would provide a framework for a Government if the Vietcong guerrillas were victorious in South Vietnam or decided to set up regime in a "liberated area."

A diplomatic service might be formed using the Vietcong who are traveling abroad as representatives of the Commission for External Relations and the Liberation Press Agency or as delegates to various Communist-front organizations.

Office in Algiers Reported

Hsinhua, the Chinese Communist press agency, reported that a delegate of the front was attending the African-Asian Solidarity Conference, which opened in Algiers Sunday. The front was recently reported to have opened an office in Algiers as part of an effort to win support in North African countries.

Reports from Africa, Asia and Latin America indicate that the Vietcong envoys have been in contact with officials of non-aligned countries, with Vietnamese living abroad and delegates attending conferences of Communist-front trade union, youth and women's organizations.

These contacts have been supported by the Soviet and Chinese Communist parties.

While Communist China has preferred to give more direct aid to the Vietcong guerrillas through North Vietnam, sources say Moscow has used Communist-front organizations to send money, medical supplies and other equipment to the National Liberation Front.

Nguyen Van Hieu, secretary general of the front, a former schoolmaster, has been virtual foreign minister of the Vietcong.

His headquarters are believed to be Hanoi although North Vietnam makes a point of reporting journeys by him from South Vietnam to foreign countries.

Attended Moscow Fete

Mr. Hieu has visited Peking frequently and in December attended a third anniversary celebration in Moscow of the founding of the National Liberation Front.

He has opened an office in Prague, which has been a principal contact point for relations with such organizations as the World Federation of Trade Unions. The liberation press agency has an office in East Berlin.

In Western Europe, delegations have used Geneva as headquarters, according to diplomatic reports.

Latin - American contacts have been made through a permanent delegation of the front in Havana. Late last year, a delegation attended a conference sponsored by the World Peace Council.

In Southeast Asia the front has made direct approaches to governments. Statements have been broadcast by the clandestine Liberation Radio.

President Sukarno of Indonesia has received delegates in his office in Jakarta.